

**To:** Members of Dublin City Council  
**From:** Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager   
**Date:** May 19, 2016  
**Initiated By:** Paul A. Hammersmith, PE, Director of Engineering/City Engineer  
Jean-Ellen M. Willis, PE, Engineering Manager–Transportation  
**Re: Resolution 33-16 - Supporting the Attributable Funding Application for the Avery Road Widening Project, from Rings Road West to Woerner Temple Road to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)**

## Background

In 2014, Dublin submitted an application and was awarded \$7 million by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Attributable Funds grant program for the Tuttle Crossing Boulevard Extension and Avery Road Widening, from Dublin's southern corporation limit to Rings Road West, project. The awarded grant funds will become available to this project in State Fiscal Year 2019, which begins July 1, 2018. This project does not extend north to Woerner Temple Road, where the existing two-lane road section on Avery Road ends, due to size of project and financial constraints.

The Avery Road Widening, from Rings Road West to Woerner Temple Road (Phase 2), project picks up at the northern terminus of the Tuttle Crossing Boulevard Extension project and continues to widen Avery Road to its ultimate footprint in Dublin. This will provide Avery Road with a continuous, four-lane roadway section within the project limits, which will complete this corridor's expansion. The traffic control at the Rings Road East and Blunden Road intersections will be evaluated and a determination made regarding the best solution for each. A general project location map with work descriptions is below in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Avery Road Widening – Phase 2 Project

The Avery Road section developed during the Tuttle Crossing Extension project will continue through this project. Shared-use paths, bike lanes, street lighting and a bridge widening over Cramer Ditch are all included. Total project length is approximately 3,000 feet.

The current construction cost estimate for the project is \$7,000,000. Total project costs, including design, landscaping, utility relocation and acquisition is estimated to be \$8,437,000. Current Attributable Funding policies limit federal funding to 80 percent of eligible costs and require a 20 percent local contribution. For this granting program, eligible costs mainly include construction costs.

MORPC expects sponsors of construction projects to undertake preliminary development and detailed design activities without use of MORPC-attributable funds because it demonstrates the sponsor's commitment to their project. Furthermore, if MORPC funds are used for engineering, its total funding commitment to the project (engineering, right-of-way and construction) will not exceed the amount it would have been had MORPC funds only been used for the construction phase.

The grant application will be structured to request 80 percent of the construction costs, or approximately \$5,600,000. This would obligate Dublin to fund the remaining \$1,400,000 of construction costs plus the engineering and right-of-way acquisition, for a total project cost to Dublin to be approximately \$2,837,000. Funding for this project is anticipated to be from service payments from the Thomas/Kohler TIF.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 33-16, supporting the Attributable Funding Application for the Avery Road Widening Project from Rings Road West to Woerner Temple Road, to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

# RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045

Resolution No. 33-16 Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE AVERY ROAD WIDENING, FROM RINGS ROAD WEST TO WOERNER TEMPLE ROAD (PHASE 2), PROJECT TO THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)**

**WHEREAS**, the widening of Avery Road between Rings Road West and Woerner Temple Road is included in the Community Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this project provides a continuous, four-lane boulevard roadway section so that Avery Road from the southern Dublin corporation limit to U.S. 33 is widened to its maximum footprint; and

**WHEREAS**, this project provides dedicated bike and pedestrian ways along Avery Road; and

**WHEREAS**, improving access to U.S. 33 and the interstate system by increasing capacity on Avery Road will improve driving conditions in the southwestern portion of the City and neighboring portions of the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Dublin, \_\_\_\_\_ of its elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. Dublin City Council respectfully supports all efforts to obtain funding from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to assist in advancing the Avery Road Widening Project, from Rings Road West to Woerner Temple Road.

Section 2. Dublin City Council is committed to the local funding level included with this request.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage in accordance with Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council